

~~11~~ ~~12~~. (Amended) A battery comprising an anode and a cathode in electrical communication,

A2 the anode comprising a carrier mixed with a [reduced boron-containing] borohydride compound, the [reduced] borohydride compound being oxidizable to an oxidized boron-containing compound concurrent with the discharge of the battery.

~~40~~ ~~42~~. (Amended) The battery of claim ~~11~~ or claim ~~28~~ ²⁶ comprising a cell which is used both to generate electricity from the oxidation of the borohydride [reduced compounds] and which is physically separated from a second cell for generating the borohydride [reduced compound] from the oxidized compound.

A3 ~~41~~ ~~43~~. (Amended) The battery as in claim ~~11~~ or claim ~~28~~ ²⁶ comprising a cell which is used both to generate electricity from the oxidation of the borohydride [reduced compound] and to generate the borohydride [reduced compound] from the oxidized compound.

~~44~~ ~~46~~. (Amended) A battery as in claim ~~11~~ or claim ~~28~~ ²⁶ which comprises an electrode, the electrode comprising a material to enhance [electrode properties such as] corrosion resistance.

A4 ~~47~~ ~~49~~. (Amended) A battery as in claim ~~47~~ ⁴⁵ in which the electrode comprises a material to enhance [electrode properties such as] corrosion resistance.

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(Amended) The battery of claim 47 in which the electrode is a bipolar electrode comprising two sides, one of the sides being coated with said substance, and a second side being coated with a material of low oxygen overvoltage [such as gold, or iridium oxide].

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(Amended) A battery as in claim 12 comprising an electrode having a surface whose texture is smooth [a smooth or high surface area of foam metal or tubes, cylinder fibers, or other geometric shape, powder, coated or uncoated catalyzed or uncatalyzed].

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(Amended) A battery as in claim 12 configured as a sealed unit [of physical size and shape and correct voltage range to meet form fit and function specifications of a standard battery for a consumer electronic or electrical device].

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(Amended) A battery as in claim 55 in which the [standard] battery is chosen from the group consisting of: a button for a hearing aid; AAA; A; B; C; D; 9 volt; a computer battery; and a cellular phone battery.

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(Amended) A battery as in claim 12 or 28 configured to be suitable for storage of electricity for [applications such as] electric utility load leveling [and other means of storage of electricity].

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~~61~~ (Amended) A battery as in claim ³⁷~~39~~ configured to be suitable for storage of electricity for [applications such as] electric utility load leveling [and other means of storage of electricity].

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~~--96~~ The battery of claim ⁴⁵~~47~~ in which the electrode is a bipolar electrode comprising two sides, one of the sides being coated with said substance, and a second side being coated with gold or iridium oxide.--

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~~--97~~ A battery as in claim ¹¹~~12~~ comprising an electrode having a high surface area.--

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~~--98~~ The battery as in claim ⁶¹~~97~~ in which the high surface area is foam metal, tubes, cylindrical fibers, or powder.--

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~~--99~~ The battery as in claim ¹¹~~12~~ comprising a coated electrode.--

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~~--100~~ A battery as in claim ¹¹~~12~~ comprising a catalyst to catalyze an electrochemical reaction. --

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~~--101~~ The battery of claim ¹¹~~12~~ further characterized in that the battery is rechargeable when an electrical potential is applied to the anode to re-generate the borohydride compound from the oxidized boron-containing compound.--